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#### Eastside Digest

### Eastside cities land transportation grants

**EASTSIDE** — A handful of Eastside transportation projects will move forward with the help of competitive state grants awarded by the Transportation Improvement Board.

The board was created by the state Legislature to foster state investment in local projects, and the money comes from revenue generated by 3 cents of the statewide gas tax. Eastside awards went to:

- Bellevue: \$1.4 million toward the widening of 148th Avenue Southeast between Southeast 24th and 28th streets, and \$150,000 toward the addition of a sidewalk on the west side of 164th Avenue Northeast.
- Clyde Hill: \$100,000 toward the addition of a sidewalk along 98th Avenue Northeast.
- King County: \$1.4 million toward the widening of Avondale Road from two to four lanes between Northeast 155th and 168th streets.
- Renton: \$2.2 million toward the removal of the center pier at the Rainier Avenue South railroad crossing and the addition of a northbound lane, and \$150,000 toward the addition of a sidewalk on Benson Road South.

Federal Way, Maple Valley and Seattle also received grants.

#### \$3.6 million OK'd for road projects

The state Transportation Improvement Board has awarded about \$3.6 million for road projects near Lake Stevens and in Stanwood.

The awards were part of \$70.3 million distributed to dozens of projects in the state. The board allocates money from a statewide gas tax.

The money includes \$3.5 million to Snohomish County to help pay for \$13.8 million worth of improvements along 20th Street Southeast near Lake Stevens. The work would improve the connection from near the east end of the Highway 2 trestle to Highway 9 and is to begin in 2008.

The Stanwood grant, \$114,800, will help pay for \$876,000 in signal and turn-lane improvements at Highway 532 and 72nd Avenue Northwest, a main intersection in the eastern part of the city near Stanwood High School, and at new commercial developments.